Murmagoa Port in Ooa

1875. SKR* V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Mur magoa Port in Goa which had made progress for several year$_B$ ha$_s$ been neglected and thereby the ship opera tion is slow- and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to develop the Port by removing the difficulties encoun. tered by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is incorrect to say that Mormuga$_0$ Port has been neglected. Investments are being made every year for development of the Port. During the 7th Five Year PJan an outlay of Rs. 25.30 crores has been provided out of which the outlay for new schemes is Rs. 30.73 crores. This includes provision of Tugs, Additional. Barge Unloading Jetty, Mobile cranes etc.

Price control order for the drags under Category I

1876. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 197* given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th. November, 1987 and state:

(a), whether it is a fact that according to Measures 1986 which had the approval of the, Cabinet specifically states that drugs required for National Health Programme will be covered, unde$_r$ category I of Drugs Price Control Order;.

(b) if so, .whether the, approval had been obtained from Cabinet to exclude certain National Health Programme's drugs under category I

(c) if so, since when the approval I was obtained; and

(d) if not, under what aulhorjty tiie programmes were' excluded and* drug$_s$ not recommended?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE .MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Cabinet has approved the Measures or Rationalisation Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India. According to that, category I of the Drug Prices Control Order will consist of . drugs required for National Health Programmes. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has identified 11 National Health Programmes out of which drugs required for 8 National Health Programmes were recommended for inclusion in categbry I.

Powerful explosives found on railway track near Bagladams

1877. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI FJSNUKA CHOW-DHURY;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item-appeared in the "Telegraph" dated 28th March, 1988 wherei$_n$ it has been-stated that two steel boxes containing powerful explosives discovered on railway track near Bagladamg Rail-Way Station near Hoshangabad;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has since been made;

(c) whether any arrest has been, made; and

(d) what preventive measures' taken to avoid such recurrence by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER JN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS , (SHRF MAHABTS PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

On 25.3.88, two steel boxes containing explosives were recovered by the side of railway track in Bagra-tawa tunnel, by Civil Police, Babai, Distt; Hoshangabad. and on 31.3.88, .
one more steel box containing explosives with similar markings was recovered between Guramkhedi and Sohagpur Stationa by ' Civil Police, Sohagpur.

(b) to (d) The Civil Police of * Babai and Sohagpur. have registered two cases in this regard. All the three boxes have been restored to the Air Force authorities, to whom these boxes belonged. Further action will be taken on receipt of the Police Report.

Recommendation of the Justice Lentin report on adulteration in drugs

1878. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; . SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to remarks made in Justice Lentin report, (Bombay, J.J. Hospital Enquiry) regarding adulteration in drug being supplied to Hospitals and marketed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER! OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The Justice Lentin Commission Report has recently been received and is being examined by the Govern- ment of India.

Test of malaria vaccine

1879. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGS M1ALIK: Will thte Minister oi HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE-', be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in The Hindustan Times" dated the 18th April, 1988 wherein, it hag been stated that successful test of malaria vaccine has been conducted for the first time-

(b) if so, the details thereof; and,

(c) the time by which it will be made available for the patients in the country? '"

THE MINISTER) OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A synthetic vaccine against the asexual blood stage of malaria para, site Plasmodium falciparum was Produced by a group of scientists wurK-ing at two laboratories in Colombia, South America. These scientists synthesized peptides (SPF 150K and SPF 100K) which induced partial complete protection in Aotus monkeys on expeKmental basis. Thug based on the protection provided to monkeys, clinical trials were carried out on 13 volnteers previously. Result$_s$ of immunization of these volunteers reveal some degree of protection when challenged with p. falciparum. However, whenever the volunteers showed the clinical symptoms of malaria, they had to be given antimalarials to prevent seriou$_s$ episode of malaria attack or to provide clinical relief. The authors have* concluded that the promising results have been obtained by vaccination. The synthetic protein used was the first synthetic vaccine for human use against the asexual blood stages of - P. falciparum malaria. Thig research ha$_s$ opened up the hop$_e$ for the development of a successful vaccine in due course.